Introduced by Senator Maldonado

February 16, 2005

An act to add Section 21689 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to aeronautics, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 335, as amended, Maldonado. Airport security, safety, and capacity grants.

(1) Existing law establishes the California Transportation Commission and requires the commission to adopt and submit to the Legislature an annual report that, among other things, identifies relevant transportation issues facing this state.

This bill would express the Legislature's intent to implement recommendations regarding airport safety and security needs identified in the commission's 2001 annual report and also in the commission's 2003 and 2004 reports.

The bill would provide for an appropriation each year, from 2005 to 2009, inclusive, of \$15,000,000 an unspecified amount by transferring that money moneys from the General Fund to the Aeronautics Account in the State Transportation Fund, for expenditure by the Department of Transportation, without regard to fiscal years,—as for grants to publicly owned general aviation airports for security, and safety, and eapacity needs, as determined by the department.

(2) The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: ²/₃. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 21689 is added to the Public Utilities 2 Code, to read:

21689. In order to address airport security, safety, and 4 capacity needs, it is the intent of the Legislature to implement certain recommendations made by the California Transportation Commission regarding Aviation Issues—The State's Role in Aviation, as set forth in Section J of Volume I of the California Transportation Commission 2001 Annual Report to the Legislature, as adopted on December 13, 2001, and revalidated in 10 the 2003 and 2004 annual reports of the California Transportation Commission.

SEC. 2. Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, commencing on July 15, 2005, and each July 15 thereafter, until and including July 15, 2009, the sum of fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) ____ is hereby annually transferred from the General Fund to the Aeronautics Account in the State Transportation Fund for expenditure from that account by the Department of Transportation, without regard to fiscal years, as grants to publicly owned general aviation airports for security, safety, and capacity needs security and safety. For purposes of this section, the disbursement of these funds shall be administered in accordance with Sections 21680 to 21688, inclusive, of the Public Utilities Code. The money appropriated pursuant to this section shall also be used to reimburse the Department of Transportation for the administrative costs of complying with this section.

SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to make available as soon as possible funds for security, safety, and capacity needs at publicly owned general aviation airports, thereby preserving the public peace, health, and safety, it is necessary that this bill take immediate effect.